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MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think this question has been answered more than once."

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I may again give the answer to the hon. Member, Sir. Some of the contingent workers may come under the definition of permanent workers having regard to the length of the period of their service. It is a question which is under consideration separately as to which of them should be taken as equivalent to permanent workers and which as mere contingent workers."

Cars for Ministers.

* 73 *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Ministers have been provided with cars by the Government ; and

(*b*) how many of them, so provided, had their own cars before?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) All the thirteen Ministers have been provided with motor cars.

" (*b*) Five had cars of their own and the rest had no cars before."

SRI M. D. KUMARASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the total cost involved in the purchase of these cars? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I take notice of this and shall furnish the information to the hon. Member."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, permits have been given to certain persons for the purchase of cars, but the Hon. Minister for Transport has requisitioned these cars and thereby decreased the number of cars available for people who have permits already."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It does not arise out of this question."

The number and distribution of spindles allotted to the Province.

* 74 *Q.*—SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of spindles, fine and coarse, allotted to the Madras Province by the Government of India ;

(*b*) how they have been distributed ;

(*c*) whether any principles were observed in the distribution ; and

(*d*) how many handlooms are working throughout the Province and how many looms are manufacturing lungis, giving particulars districtwar?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) The number of spindles allotted to this Province by the Government of India is as follows :—

Fine	152,000
Coarse	200,000
Total ...	352,000